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REMARKS:

Claims 1 and 3-13 are currently pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter. Claims 3-13 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by USP 5,902,534 (**Fujishiro**).

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Fujishiro fails to describe, teach, or suggest the “time period” as set forth in lines 16-18 of claim 1, as amended, in combination with the other claimed features.

The time period (lines 16-18 of claim 1) is critically important. As is demonstrated in Example 1 and 2 of the present specification, the control of the time from the completion of the injection of the coating material to the restart of closing the retracted mold is quite critical. This becomes clearer when compared with the result of Comparative Examples 1 and 2.

Fujishiro is quite silent as to the criticality of the control of the time from the completion of the injection of the coating material to the restart of closing the mold. The concept disclosed by

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the statement referred to by the Examiner is not comparable to the time period (lines 16-18, in claim 1) of the present application by any means. As can be taken therefrom, the time referred to is directed to the time required for the movement of a shut-off pin utilized for the control of the injection schedule for the coating material. Furthermore, please note that **Fujishiro** does not pay any attention to the time interval between the completion of the injection of the coating material and the start of the re-closing, as is clear from the description on column 30, lines 44 to 46 of **Fujishiro**. That is, the Examiner's assertions are merely based on the portions of **Fujishiro** that were picked up intentionally piece by piece only after reading the present specification. In other words, the Examiner's assertions are based on knowledge gleaned only from Applicants' disclosure.

Furthermore, please see the statement on column 6, line 59 to column 7, line 43 of **Fujishiro**. The complicated selection of the pressure depending upon the thickness of the article to be molded and the like is required for the injection of the coating material in **Fujishiro**. In this respect, please see also the statement on column 7, lines 44 to 59 of **Fujishiro**.

Fujishiro fails to describe, teach, or suggest the following features of claim 1, as amended:
“(3) a time period from beginning of injection of the coating material to its spreading through an interior of the mold by reclosure of the mold is set to be within a range of $0.20 t_1$ to $1.10 t_1$ wherein t_1 has the same meaning as defined above”, in combination with the other claimed features.

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Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claim 1, as amended, is in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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